



Fishing Derby & ROCKET ACADEMY

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Deer Lake Outdoor Center, Killingworth CT

**Go Fishing! Catch trout at the 39th Annual Fishing Derby!
Blast Off! Build and launch rockets at Rocket Academy!**

Do one—or do both! Choose morning, afternoon, or split sessions.

Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA invited!

\$30 per activity (lunch + patch)

\$50 for both activities

\$10 Lunch only no fishing or rockets

- Fishing: 2-trout limit
- **Learn to Fish Sessions** morning & afternoon (sign up through registration)
- **Rockets: rocket kit included**
- America 250-themed lunch
- Limited: 250 Scouts per session per Fishing/Rockets
- Camping is separate and costs extra through Pathfinders: register for the event first, then call 203-421-4040 to check availability and reserve a campsite.

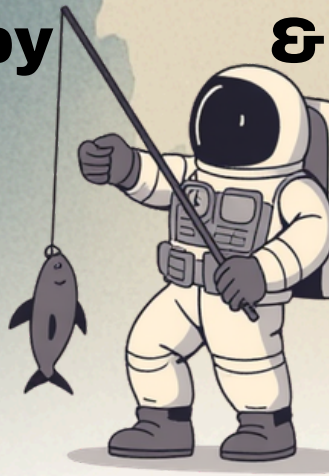
Schedule
Morning
8 AM - 12 Noon
Afternoon
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Lunch
11:30-1 PM

Register: <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1548>

Questions: activities@ctyankee.org

Scouting America – Connecticut Yankee Council

Fishing Derby & Rocket Academy



FISHING DERBY RULES & REGULATIONS

Scouts & Adults must wear their wristbands, easily visible, to have a line in the water.

- No fishing is permitted before 8:00 AM for the morning session or 12:30 PM for the afternoon session.
- Youth and adults may fish from 8:00 AM -12:00 PM for the morning session or 12:30 to 4:30 PM for the afternoon session.
- All persons fishing must be wearing their wristband.
- Two trout limit! Everyone must catch their own fish, no team fishing.
- Once a person catches two trout, they may not continue to fish in the lagoon.
- Fishing in the swimming or boating area is prohibited. Wading and use of watercraft is prohibited.
- No catch and release permitted, except when fly-fishing with a barbless fly.
- Leave No Trace is practiced here. Please leave the camp cleaner than you found it.
- Don't litter: Properly dispose of your fishing lines, worm cups, lids, etc.
- This is a Scouting function so please remember the Scout Oath & Law and be courteous to those around you.
- Fishing is restricted to the lagoon and lake above the dam.
- Everyone must follow all Youth Protection guidelines.

ABSOLUTELY NO FISHING IN THE RIVER BELOW THE DAM

Adults – please report the number of trout you catch to the staff at the check in station. Our event permit requires us to report the total number of fish caught during the Fishing Derby. Remember! Please, do not smoke or vape in the presence of youth.

ROCKET ACADEMY

- Each Scout receives one rocket kit (materials + instructions included).
- **Check-in: Deer Lake Dining Hall**
 - Morning session: 8:00 AM
 - Afternoon session: 12:30 PM (arrive early for lunch starting at 11:30 AM)

Program

1. Build Rockets (about 1 hour)
2. Launch Rockets (about 2 hours)

We plan for two or more launches per Scout, depending on recovery time and available launch pads.



Safety Rules

- Staff only will load engines and manage launch pads.
- Scouts may not bring their own rockets or engines.

Weather

Rain or shine. If conditions prevent launching, Scouts will build and take rockets home, with alternative activities provided.



AMERICA 250 LUNCH CELEBRATION (1776–2026)

During lunch at the Fishing Derby & Rocket Academy, join our quick America 250 celebration in the Dining Hall! 11:30 am to 1 pm Dining Hall.

- Hot dog lunch + big birthday cake.
- Revolutionary War reenactors.
- Sign the Declaration: Add your name and town to our big “CYC 250 Celebration” banner, try a quick 1776 code break, and grab a photo.